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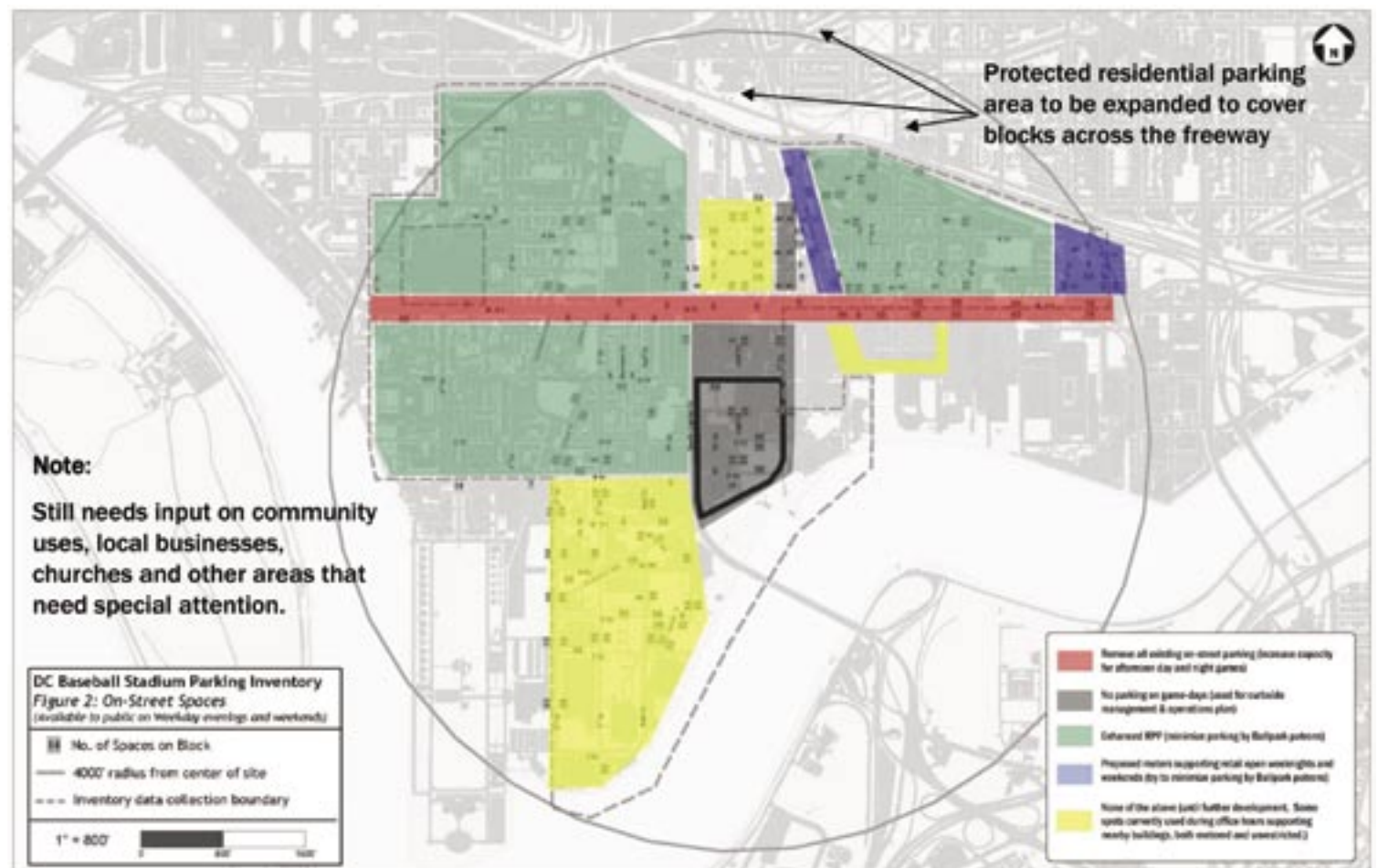
SWNA Meets Monday, April 23

The monthly public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will hear an update on a number of development projects in the Near SW/SE area being conducted by Monument Realty. These include Corcoran School redevelopment of Randall High School, 65 I (Eye) St. SW. The meeting will be at its regular location, St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 6th and M St. SW, at 7:30 pm.

This will be the last SWNA meeting until June 25 because the fourth Monday in May is Memorial Day so there will be no SWNA meeting. Please attend either the Saturday, May 19 or Monday, May 21 important public meetings on neighborhood benefits.



Ballpark Parking on Your Street in 2008



A circle a mile-and-a-half wide from the SW Waterfront to Barracks Row will have restricted parking signs for baseball game days.

In Near Southwest and the Near Southeast part of Capitol Hill—both part of DC's Ward 6—before a year goes by red signs like these will be added to the already familiar green two-hour residential parking signs on residential streets.

A mile-and-a-half wide "Enhanced Enforcement Parking Zone," from the SW Waterfront to the Barracks Row on 8th St. SE, circling the ballpark at N and South Capitol St. SE, is being laid out by the DC Dept. of Transportation to prohibit non-residents from parking on residential and business streets during baseball games starting in April 2008. The zone is being patterned after the cur-

rent one around RFK Stadium, where the Nationals' baseball games and DC United soccer games are being played.

Residents of Near SW/SE will get letters early in 2008 enclosing one visitor pass and information on getting up to 20 guest passes for special events from the police department. That's what RFK Stadium's neighbors have just received in the mail. The mailing includes a schedule of the expected home game days of the local baseball and soccer teams. The DDOT warns "Vehicles parked in surrounding neighborhoods that fail to display proper zone parking stickers or visitor passes will be ticketed and towed." Police are concentrating their

enforcement during the two hours after the games start. (See the DC Dept. of Transportation website www.ddot.dc.gov and click on the March 23 press release on RFK parking mailing).

Residential parking stickers for each of the eight city wards, at a cost of \$15, are already being issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to prevent all day parking in front of your home.

With a year to finalize the game day parking plan, the DC Sports and Recreation Commission has held public meetings to explain preliminary plans.

Motor Vehicles Office in SW Opens April 30

The long time DMV service center at 301 C St. NW near the DC Courts METRO stop is closed—except for hearings and ticket payments—as of Monday, April 30, and a new service center at 95 M St. SW, around the corner from DMV vehicle inspection station at L St. SW & Half St., is opening. (See DMV ad in this issue, page 7).

Familiar service being moved from 301 C St. NW include:

- Drivers license applications and renewals
- vehicle titles/registration and tags
- medical review and disability tags

■ temporary tags and dealer services

Most services will be closed Mondays at the SW location with hours 8:15 am to 4 pm Tuesday - Saturday. However hours for temporary tags will be Mon - Sat. from 8:15am - 4pm and Dealers Services will be Mon. - Fri. 8:15 to 4 pm.

DMV has a number of other service centers, as listed in the ad on p. 7 of this issue, including the driver road tests at 1205 Brentwood Road, NE, and centers which are open Mon.-Fri. at Georgetown Park Mall, Penn Branch Mall and Brentwood

Square Mall.

As reported in the Oct. 2005 issue of *The Southwester*, the 301 C St. had been handling 560 customers a day with a peak of 10 am to 2 pm, but expects to have 45 percent fewer at the SW center because the Georgetown Service Center at 3222 M St NW has opened.

DMV can be reached online at www.dmv.dc.gov or by calling 727-5000.

A large parking lot will welcome motorists visiting the new DMV service center. Limited street parking at 301 C St. NW was always a problem. The 130 DMV employees are being urged to walk from METRO's stations at Waterfront or Capitol South.

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Southwest Community Calendar

April 21-May 31, 2007

THURS. APR. 19 Monthly meeting of the Near Southeast/Southwest Community Benefit Coordinating Committee, SE University, 6th & I (Eye) St. SW, 7 pm.

FRI. APR. 20 Bank of America closes regular office at 4th & M St. SW at 2pm - to reopen Mon. Apr. 23 in temporary bldg at same location at 9 am.

SAT. APR. 21 NARFE DC Federation, Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C St. SW, 8am - 4:30 pm

SUN. APR. 22, Book Signing at SW Branch Library, Wesley Pl & K St SW, 2 pm

MON. APR. 23 Monthly public meeting of Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & M St. SW, 7:30 pm.

THURS. APR. 26 NARFE meeting, SW Branch Library, Wesley Pl & K St SW, 12:30 pm

SAT. APR. 28 Thinking About Jazz - the legacy of jazz, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I(Eye) St. SW, FREE 1pm - 3 pm

MON. APR. 30 New SW Dept. of Motor Vehicle Office Opens, 95 M St. SW, 8:15 am.

TUES. MAY 1 Police Advisory Council (CAC) monthly public meeting, 415 4th St. SW, 7 pm

SAT. MAY 5 Teen Summit on Living in a Violent Environment, Eastern High School, 19th & East Capitol St, NE, 12 noon - 7 pm.

MON. MAY 14 Open monthly meeting of SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW, 7 pm.

WED. MAY 16 AARP luncheon meeting, River Park, 1411 Delaware Ave SW, 12 noon

SAT. MAY 19 Third Sat. Community breakfast, \$5, Christ United Methodist Church, Wesley Pl & K St. - entrance across from SW Library. 9am - 11 am.

SAT. MAY 19 Public meeting: Community-wide Benefits Discussion at Second Baptist Church,

First St. & M St., SW, 9:30 am - 2 pm

SAT. MAY 19 Used Book sale at Southwest Branch Library, Wesley Pl & K St. 10 am - 4:40 pm

MON. MAY 21 Public meeting: Community-wide Community Benefits Discussion at Southeastern University, 6th & I (Eye) Sts., SW, 6:30 pm - 9 pm

THURS. MAY 24 NARFE meeting, SW Branch Library, Wesley Pl & K St SW, 12:30 pm

MON. MAY 28 Memorial Day holiday observed.

THURS. MAY 31 Deadline for scholarship applications for SWNA's SW Scholarship Fund. Bring to SW Branch Library, K St. between 3rd St. and Wesley Pl. by 5 pm.

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS — First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS — Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS — Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 — noon.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club — First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

S.W. KIWANIS — First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS — Every Wed. GSA Bldg — 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK — First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 7 pm.

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The Southwester carries four columns, each 2½" wide. Each page has a printed area of 10 x 13¾".

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The first play, called "33 Variations," is a new play about the mystery behind Beethoven's tour d'force of composing 33 variations on a waltz.

New SWNA Officers, Board



Officers and board members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, elected at the public election booth at Waterside Mall March 23, were sworn in at St. Augustine's Church two days later. Left to right: Former SWNA President Thelma Jones who swore them in, President Marge Maceda, Vice Pres. Carolyn Mitchell, Treasurer Ellen Winship, Secretary Meg Brinckman. Board members elected

from each of the four SWNA districts: left to right: Perry Klein and Lida Holland Churchville, first dist.; Peter Atlee & Farid Ben Amour, 2nd dist.; Eric Hoshbach and Rick Bardach, third dist.; and Vanessa Colbert-Ruffin and Ken LaCruise, fourth dist.

South Capitol Street Bridge To Close July and August

The weekend closures and repair work on the South Capitol Street Bridge, which are scheduled to conclude in early June 2007, also may require periodic single-lane closures during weekday non-peak travel times. During the July-August closure, the northernmost portion of the bridge will be lowered to become an at-grade roadway with a new

intersection at South Capitol Street and Potomac Avenue. Nearly three blocks of elevated roadway—which currently act as a barrier to access across South Capitol Street—will be removed and replaced with at-grade intersections that will help knit the neighborhood together. Additional improvements will occur such as paving and painting the entire bridge.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

You Are Invited

Please join us as we celebrate the rededication of our newly renovated worship space, Saturday, April 28 at 4 pm. Special music begins at 3:30 pm. Regular Sunday Services: 9 am. Spirit-Filled service of gospel and praise: 11 am. Traditional service with chancel music, children's message and staffed nursery at all services. Luther Place Memorial Church, 1326 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005 (at Thomas Circle) www.lutherplace.org 202-667-1377. A reconciling in Christ congregation where all are welcome as they are. Serving Washington, DC since 1973.



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Youth News



A Club #4 Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club basketball team won its holiday game.



Eric Wanzor at the free-throw line.

Cavaliers Train Youth

The SW Cavaliers sponsored three young men who efficiently and responsibly distributed part of the March edition of *The Southwester* newspaper to residents in the Southwest community. The Cavaliers identified, recruited, supervised and provided incentives to this pilot group of male youth. This activity was a successful youth development project, where the SW Cavaliers and youth will continue the monthly distribution of *The Southwester*. Additional youth participants will be recruited incorporating life skills involving financial literacy and leadership training modules.

Additionally, on April 6, 2007, the SW Cavaliers referred seven parents from the SW/SE community to a "Healthy Relationship Parent" workshop, which was conducted during dinner at the Capitol City Brewery. After dinner and the workshop, the seven parents were treated to the Wizards vs. Cavaliers basketball game at the Verizon Center. This activity was underwritten by Concerned Black Men - National Organization, Inc.

Baseball, Soccer For Pre-teens at King-Greenleaf Rec

Little League baseball teams—for ages 9 to 12—are forming at two dozen recreation centers in DC, including Southwest's King Greenleaf Recreation Center at First and N Sts. SW—just three or four blocks away from the new Nationals Ballpark at N and South Capitol St. SE.

Official start was Apr. 10 for an 11 week season ending June 23, with practices Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm. Phone 202-645-7454.

Soccer teams for three age groups between 6 and 12 are also forming at King-Greenleaf Rec and two dozen other DC rec centers. They will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays between 4:30 and 6:30 pm. The soccer season also runs from April 10 to June 23.

Volleyball for ages 6 and older is also taught at King Greenleaf from April 10 to June 23, with practice Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 pm. There is no registration fee for volleyball.

Hip Hop Jazz dancing is being taught at King-Greenleaf Fridays from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Free.

Tae Kwon Do classes continue all year long at King-Greenleaf on Fridays from 6:30 to 8 pm.

After School Access, for ages 6 to 12, after school 3:30 to 6 pm, will end June 23. Young Engineering program for ages 6 to 13, Saturdays from 6 to 7 pm will end June 23.

Register for Rec Department Summer Camps Now!

Coed Summer Camps—called Camp Discovery—for boys and girls ages 6 to a month shy of 14, four sessions, each two weeks long, will run for two summer months from June 25 to August 17, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. Each session has a registration fee of \$75 for DC residents and \$105 for non-residents. Free breakfasts and lunches are served. King-Greenleaf Rec Center is at First and N Sts. SW. 202-645-7454.

Sports camps with a fee of \$90 for DC residents and higher for non-residents for two weeks will run at a number of rec centers during the summer. King-Greenleaf will host a basketball camp called "Nothing but Net" for ages 6 to 13 in four, two-week sessions Monday through Friday, 9am to 5 pm, June 25 to August 17. A Rec Department pamphlet is at all rec centers.

Spaces Available at Camp Arena Stage!

Dates: June 25 - July 20, 2007 and July 23 - August 3, 2007

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Location: Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School (early drop-off/extended day available for an additional fee; 4-week session only). E-mail camp@arenastage.org or call 202-554-9066, ext. 808 to request a brochure.

Southwest Sets Sail in 2007

By Daniel Woltman

Boats were rigged, sails unfurled, and decks swabbed on April 3 as the National Maritime Heritage Foundation (NMHF) launched its 2007 sailing season on the Southwest Waterfront. Based at the Gangplank Marina, the NMHF offers community sailing programs that enrich the Southwest community and attract visitors to the riverfront.

This past month NMHF welcomed, as a guest speaker, Captain Bill Pinkney, formerly Captain of the Freedom Schooner Amistad and the first African-American to solo-circumnavigate the globe on a sailboat. On behalf of the NMHF, Pinkney participated in a series of discussions with District of Columbia-area youth, speaking about his life experience and impressing on the youngsters the importance of reading. Two of the events were held in the Southwest neighborhood. In all more than 650 area children attended the events around the city.

This year NMHF is partnering with Gray Line Tours to offer public sailing excursions on its sixty-five foot schooner the American Spirit. The partnership is a move to attract more Washingtonians and tourists to the Southwest Waterfront.

The NMHF will continue with its core mission to expose District of Columbia youth and adults to sailing opportunities and maritime education programs. NMHF is planning to expand its signature Kids Set Sail program, a week long program teaching area children basic small boat sailing. Participants, children between 8 and 14 years of age, have the opportunity to become certified upon the completion of the program. The program is operated from the Gangplank Marina on the Southwest Waterfront. The enrollment for the program is currently open and interested parents may contact Liz Gossens at 202-547-1250 or via email at LGossens@nmhf.org for details.

The foundation's DC Sail program offers sailing lessons, boat rentals and fleet racing to adults. Both programs are open to the public.

BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS . . .

Yard Sale Saturday, May 5

To benefit Amidon School the local group SWEET is sponsoring its annual yard sale along 4th St. SW from I (Eye) to G SW. Rent a booth—your own table—and sell your hidden treasures to your neighbors.

For information contact one of the sponsors: Ashell Alston at 202-491-7282 or Monica Evans at 202-468-9620 or Lenora Moragne at 202-564-0779 or Paula Shelton at 202-554-0079 or email to sweetyardsale@yahoo.com.

SW Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Southwest Library will hold its annual book sale on Saturday, May 19, from 10 am to 4:40 pm upstairs at the SW Library, 920 Wesley Place, SW (3rd & K St. SW). The Friends have collected music CDs as well as thousands of books priced at 50 cents for hardcover books and 25 cents for paperback books. Be prepared—when you see what great books are for sale, you'll wish you had brought your shopping cart!

The National Marathon Race

tied up traffic on M St. SE and SW off and on for several hours.

photo by Andy Litsky



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Location: St. Dominic Catholic Church, 630 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024 (across the street from the L'Enfant Plaza metro station).

Concert will feature classic, contemporary and gospel compositions including works by Christiansen, Farrell, Martin, Mengel and Schurr. The parish will host a small reception following the conclusion of the concert.

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Sat., May 5 and Aug 1	ACADEMIC OPEN HOUSES Learn about on site and online classes. Certificates, and more! 10 am-2 pm
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EFFECTIVE MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2007

DMV SERVICE CENTER RELOCATION



**301 C Street, NW
Service Center**



**Southwest Service Center—95 M Street, SW
Tuesday—Saturday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**Dealer Services
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**Temporary Tags
Monday—Saturday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

The DMV Service Center operations located at 301 C Street, NW (driver services, dealer services, temporary tags, driver license application/duplicates, learner permit application, identification card application, driver record, medical review, disability placards & tags, vehicle titles/registration & tags) will move to the new Southwest Service Center located at 95 M Street, SW

EFFECTIVE April 30, 2007. The Southwest Service Center is located around the corner from the Southwest Vehicle Inspection Station.

Adjudication Services (walk-in and scheduled hearings, ticket payments, boot and tow payments) and Driver Improvement Office (driver license reinstatements and certified driver records) will remain at 301 C Street, NW.

DMV SERVICE LOCATIONS

**Adjudication Services
(Walk-in & Scheduled Hearings)
301 C Street, NW
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**Driver Improvement Office
301 C Street, NW
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**Ticket Payments/Boot & Tow Payments
301 C Street, NW
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—5:00 pm**

**Brentwood Service Center
(Brentwood Square Mall)
1233 Brentwood Road, NE
Monday—Friday - 10:00 am—6:00 pm**

**Brentwood Road Test
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1205 Brentwood Road, NE
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**Commercial Driver License (CDL)
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Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**International Registration Program (IRP)
1233 Brentwood Road, NE
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00pm**

**Commercial Road Test Lot
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Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**Georgetown Service Center
(Georgetown Park Mall Lower Level)
3222 M Street, NW
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**Penn Branch Service Center
(Penn Branch Mall)
3220 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**Southwest Service Center
95 M Street, SW
Tuesday—Saturday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**Dealer Services
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00pm**

**Temporary Tags
Monday—Saturday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm**

**Vehicle Inspection Station
1001 Half Street, SW
Monday—Friday - 6:00 am—6:00 pm
Saturday - 7:00 am—3:00 pm**

**For More Information visit the DMV online at
www.dmv.dc.gov or call 202-727-5000**

Speak Out for Community Benefits

On May 19 and May 21 Near Southwest/Southeast residents can voice their opinions about billions of dollars in new construction in this neighborhood. These projects should pay for special benefits for the neighborhood. Do you agree?

What should the DC government require in exchange for the zoning changes, millions of dollars of sewer, water, sidewalk and other expenses taxpayers will have to bear to make the developers' projects work? What other benefits should developers offer for neighborhood support?

You can come to either of two meetings: Saturday morning, May 19, at Second Baptist Church, First and M Sts., SW from 9:30 am to 2 pm, or Monday evening, May 21, at Southeastern University, 6th and I (Eye) Sts. SW from 6:30 to 9 pm.

Some developers have already agreed to job preference for local residents, prefer-

ence for new housing, loans and support of school projects. What do you think?

No need to pre-register. Refreshments will be served. Sponsors of these meetings include the local civic association (SWNA), the local advisory neighborhood commission ANC6D, the South Washington West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative and other groups. For information call Meg Brinckman, 202-554-2259.

College Grant Applications Due May 31

Students in college or entering this August, 2007, who live in Zip Code 20024, can get grants between \$400 and \$1000 from the SWNA Scholarship Fund by filling out forms at the SW Branch Library, 3rd & K St. SW by May 31.

Ann's Beauty Supply Shop

Has moved to 125 L St. SE, a block from the Navy Yard Metro New Jersey Ave. stop, behind the church.

202-554-5588



Drinking Water Change Until May 7

For one month, April 7, through May 7, 2007, citizens in the District of Columbia may notice a slight chlorine taste and odor to their drinking water due to a temporary change in the disinfectant that is added at the water treatment plant. The Washington Aqueduct, a division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which treats the water, will switch the disinfectant from chloramines to chlorine during this one-month period. The temporary change in water chemistry does not affect drinking water safety. Consumers who take special precautions to remove chlorine from tap water such as dialysis centers, medical facilities or aquatic pet owners should take note of this temporary addition of chlorine in the water treatment process and act accordingly. If you use a kidney dialysis machine in your home, contact your dialysis center in order to make any

modifications to your dialysis machine.

If you own aquatic pets, you may want to contact a pet supply store to ensure proper use of de-chlorination chemicals. The periodic disinfectant change is an industry-wide practice to help keep water mains clean and free of harmful bacteria. This process, along with the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's (WASA's) vigorous flushing program, helps loosen sediments that may accumulate in the distribution system. Customers may notice a slight, temporary discoloration of the water. This temporary discoloration will not affect water safety. Simply run the faucet until the water is clear. In the unlikely event your water is discolored and remains cloudy after flushing, please contact WASA's Water Quality Division at 202-612-3440 Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm or 202-612-3400, 24 hours a day for assistance.

Teens Speak Out on Crime Saturday, May 5

Ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders have until Monday, April 23 to apply to be at a Teen Summit on Living in a Violent Environment, at Eastern High School, 19th and East Capitol Sts. NE, Saturday, May 5 from noon to 7 pm.

Applications are at the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, First and N St., SW, at the SW Branch Library, 3rd and K Sts., SW and at junior and senior high schools. The application includes a parental permission slip for media coverage. Turn it in to the First District police station, 415 4th St., SW or substation at 500 E St., SE by Monday, April 23. Attendance is limited to 100 young men and young women.

"River Park Friends" Strengthens SW

by Thelma D. Jones

River Park Friends (RPF) recently held its ninth annual meeting for the first time during normal business hours, providing a greater opportunity for its regular and potential contributors and grantees to attend and provide input on RPF's current and future direction.

RPF President Coralie Farlee gave a brief history of the organization and an overview of grants awarded during 2006. "What is outstanding, in my judgment, is that over the past eight years, RPF has made grants totaling about \$50,000—an average of about \$8,000 in each of the seven years of our existence," said Farlee.

For the past five years, RPF has awarded a \$1000 grant to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) Scholarship Fund and has watched its investment yield returns.

In 2006, RPF funded one new organization under charitable activities:

■ **OurPlace DC** (\$1000) to provide assistance to women returning to the SW community after incarceration and their families.

Educational grants were awarded to:

■ **Camp Arena Stage** (\$1600) to support a summer program that introduces young people to various theater opportunities,

■ **The AppleTree** (\$750) is an early childhood literary program. Funds were used for the acquisition of materials and supplies,

■ **EmmaUS Learning Center** (\$420) to support a summer enrichment program emphasizing science, math and drug prevention,

■ **Living Classrooms Foundation** (\$2,000) to support a program at a SW elementary school focusing on the history of the DC waterfront, from native people to the river's ecology,

■ **South Washington West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative** (\$1,000) to help support its summer camp for youth, ages 5 to 14, and

■ **SWNA Scholarship Fund** (\$1000).

Under community development, grants were awarded to:

■ **The Metropolitan Police First District Citizens Advisory Council** (\$175) in support of their annual awards banquet which recognizes community leaders and officers who work to reduce crime and improve neighborhood safety and;

■ **The Southwester** (\$140) in support of its mission.

RPF began its operations to test the value of a community-based nonprofit fundraising group that does not conduct or administer projects itself. The outcome has been both challenging and phenomenal while having a favorable and lasting impact on the quality of life in SW Washington, DC.

Contributions can be made payable to River Park Friends, a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization, and sent to Dr. Coralie Farlee, President, 389 O Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. For more information on RPF, e-mail Dr. Farlee at cfarlee@mindspring.com or call (202) 554-4407 or visit www.swdc.org.

River Park Friends of Southwest D.C.

ANNOUNCES IT IS TIME TO MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OR APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR YOUR PROGRAM

In 2006, River Park Friends supported the following activities in Southwest DC:

- **South Washington/West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative** for a summer camp for youth ages 5 to 14. The usual literacy and math curriculum added an etiquette component in 2006, instilling a sense of respect for elders.
- **EmmaUS Learning Center** for a summer enrichment program emphasizing science, math, and drug prevention. Included were discussions and outings to museums and parks.
- **OurPlaceDC** for women returning to the community from incarceration and their families.
- **Camp Arena Stage** where students learned the various processes in the development of live theater productions.
- **Living Classrooms Foundation** which educated young students about conservation issues and the history of the Southwest waterfront.

May 1 is the next deadline for non-profit groups to apply for grants.

Other deadlines are January 2, and September 1. Describe your project in a letter to: River Park Friends, 389 O St. SW, Washington, DC 20024

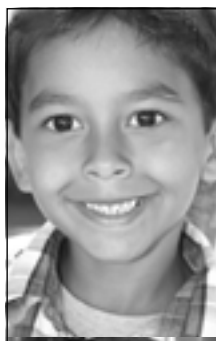
WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP NOW to maintain our outreach to and support for these and other organizations which are building good citizens in the near Southwest DC.

Please make check payable to River Park Friends (a tax-deductible donation) and send to: River Park Friends, Coralie Farlee, President, 389 O Street, S. W., Washington, DC 20024 phone: 202-554-4407. We will provide you with a receipt indicating that you have donated to this nonprofit charitable and educational 501(c)(3) organization.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____



Anacostia Waterfront Corp. Activity



Three speakers at the Riverwalk discussion were (left to right) Diane Sullivan of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation, Allen Miller of the DC dept. of Transportation, and Uwe Brandes, vice president of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation.

AWC Hosts Meeting on Anacostia Riverwalk

Community residents received an update on progress on development of the first leg of the Anacostia Riverwalk at a public meeting held recently by AWC at the Ellen Wilson Center in Southeast Washington. The Anacostia Riverwalk is a 20-mile expanse of waterfront parks and trails that will extend along both sides of the Anacostia River from the National Arboretum to the Tidal Basin. Construction of the trail on the west side of the river between the Washington Navy Yard and Benning Road is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2007. The Riverwalk, waterfront parks, and trails will comprise the Anacostia RiverParks system, which will connect and bring to life 1,200 acres of green space along the river, including more than 100 acres of newly created public parks. AWC and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) are coordinating this project with the National Park Service and other private development projects.

AWC to Consider Environmental Standards in May

AWC's Environmental Standards Development Committee is reviewing comments on the draft Environmental Standards that were received during the 30-day period that ended March 13, 2007. In addition, AWC has retained the services of an outside group of engineering, design, and green building experts who will perform cost and technical feasibility analysis and provide additional input on the Draft Standards to AWC's Board of Directors. The Committee expects to present a final set of environmental standards to AWC's Board of Directors for consideration in May 2007.

Once approved, the standards will set ambitious performance goals and minimum requirements for develop-

ers to demonstrate that sustainable design can help restore the environment in a cost-effective manner. To view the Draft Standards, go to AWC's Web site at www.anacostiawaterfront.net.



Anacostia Waterfront Business Resource Center Opens

Information on Anacostia Waterfront development efforts, transportation improvements and job opportunities

Official opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Anacostia Waterfront Business Resource Center was Wed., Apr. 11 at 2311 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., SE. It is a joint partnership of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation (AWC), the

District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the D.C. Department of Employment Services (DOES). The Resource Center is a staffed information center providing local residents a convenient way to learn about Anacostia Waterfront restoration efforts, major development and transportation improvement projects in and around the area, as well as workforce development and employment opportunities related to the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative.

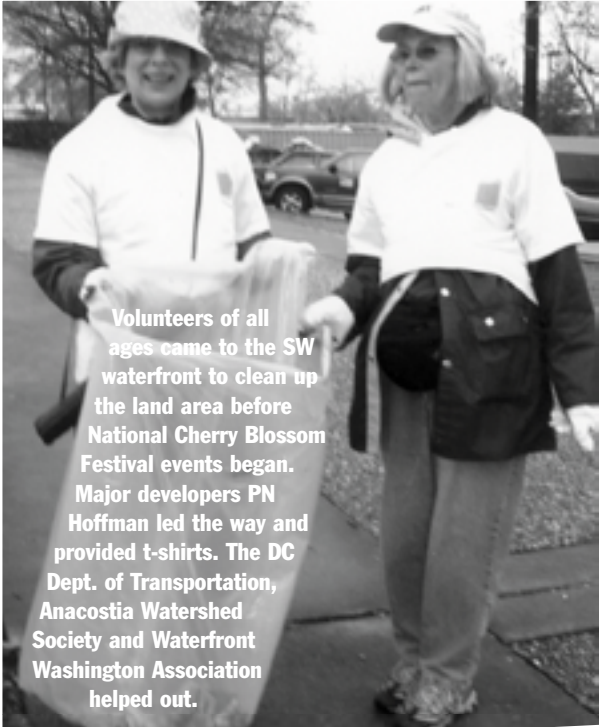
Kingman Island Opens To Public April 28 First Public Access in Years

Community residents attending the Grand Opening of Kingman Island on April 28th are among the first to set foot on the island in years. Located on the Anacostia River near RFK Stadium, Kingman Island and the adjacent Heritage Island were created artificially from dredge taken from the Anacostia River in the 1920s. The northern portion of Kingman Island, which is Langston Golf Course, is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

The Center will meet the U.S. Green Building Council's requirements for a platinum rating in its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. AWC recently awarded grants to the Earth Conservation Corps (ECC) and Living Classrooms National Capital Region (LC-NCR) to assist with the development and management of Kingman and Heritage Islands and the planned Environmental Education Center.



PN Hoffman Leads Southwest Waterfront Cleanup



Volunteers of all ages came to the SW waterfront to clean up the land area before National Cherry Blossom Festival events began. Major developers PN Hoffman led the way and provided t-shirts. The DC Dept. of Transportation, Anacostia Watershed Society and Waterfront Washington Association helped out.



Cherry Blossom Festival Fun in SW

Before the fireworks on the SW Waterfront, Spirit tour boats entertainer, US Army musicians and costumed "Pirates" called the Crew of the Apocalypse held sway. A grant for events for children was supplied by the National Cherry Blossom Festival



Kim Campbell is King Greenleaf Rec staff for Sassy Seniors.



“Sassy Seniors” Fitness Expo

Scenes from the King Greenleaf Sassy Seniors Spirit, Mind & Body Wellness Fitness Expo including booths by health professionals, fitness demonstrations and lunch.



Seniors 55 & Over at K-GL Rec Special Activities for May 2007

■ May 11th Mother’s Day Luncheon@ Golden Coral Restaurant Largo, MD @ 10:30am

■ May 21st Grandparents Support Group @ 11:00am

■ May 15th Medicare/Medicaid Fraud Workshop

■ May 30th Basic Home Repair Workshop @ 10:00am

Weekly Schedule

■ Monday 10:00-11:00 Low Impact Aerobics/ Weight Training; 11:00-

1:00 Card, Table& Board Games

■ Tuesday 10:00-11:00 Chair Aerobics; 11:00-12:00 Basic Computer Instruction; 12:00-2:00 Sewing/Crocheting

■ Wednesday 10:00-11:00 Line Dancing; 11:00-2:00 Card, Table& Board Games; 12:00-2:00 Pot Luck Lunch

■ Thursday 10:00-11:00 Chair Aero-

bics; 11:00-12:00 Tennis Lessons; 12:00-2:00 Prize Bingo

■ Friday 10:00-3:00 Field Trips (See Special Events Schedule)

To register for activities please contact Kim Campbell at 645-7454 at King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street, SW.



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